

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, prior to examination, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, is respectfully requested.

Summary of Amendments

By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have amended the Specification to include the requested Sequence Listing. Because the original figures provided the information used to generate the Sequence Listing, the Sequence Listing contains no new matter.

Further by the foregoing amendments, Applicants have amended the description of Figures 1-3 to cross-reference the corresponding SEQ ID NOs. For the reason provided in the preceding paragraph, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Second Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be greatly appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution for this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,
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